



Climate Initiatives Task Force

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, CONSERVATION, AND WASTE COMMITTEE

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Online Meeting Via Zoom for Member Participants

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Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

- Mr. Breaux, Ms. Gautreaux, Mr. Grandy, Ms. Righteous, Mr. Pitre, Mr. Adusumilli, Mr. Kozak, Mr. Toombs, Mr. Lindsey, Mr. Giouard, Ms. Cheynet, Mr. Harrell, Ms. Harvey

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Gautreaux
Seconded by Mr. Grandy
Unanimously Approved

IV. Welcome and Opening Remarks — Karen Gautreaux, The Nature Conservancy, and Joey Breaux, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (Video 00:08:26)

V. Climate Task Force Structure, Process and Timeline Overview — Lindsay Cooper, Office of the Governor (Video 00:15:10)

- Briefed members on Governor's Executive Order regarding impacts of climate change.
- Emission reduction goals from 2025-2050.

- Louisiana is #8 in top 10 emitting U.S. States and among top 5 in emission intensive states by GDP & per capita.
- Discussed U.S. National climate assessment key messages, outlook by 2050 in urban infrastructure, health risks, and increased flood risks in coastal & low lying regions.
- Also discussed natural ecosystems transformed as well as economic and health risks for rural communities. Explained why this effort matter to LA and that it exacerbates vulnerabilities and creates new risks.
- Outline and structure of task force values and objectives. Task force composed of 4 advisory groups and 6 committees. Explanation of roles for each section.
- Task force deliverables:
 - *Interim report by Feb. 2021*
 - *GHG inventory update by mid-2021*
 - *Final report by Feb. 2022*
- Review of climate initiatives, processes, timeline steps and tasks.

VI. Member Introductions – Committee Members (Video 00:37:50)

VII. Structured Decision-Making Process – Lindsay Cooper, Office of the Governor (Video 01:02:43)

- Analyze decisions to identify solutions, achieve desired outcomes in a transparent manner, encompasses broad set of methods, fundamental objectives, responses to legal mandates and integrated science & policy.
- Explanation of SDM framework, defining problems, 2005 GHG emissions overview, transportation sector emissions and fundamental objectives and how we get there.

VIII. Identifying Committee Objectives – Committee Members (Video 01:12:30)

- Allowed each committee member to discuss their individual goals and objectives.

IX. Discussion of Next Steps – Lindsay Cooper, Office of the Governor (Video 01:54:15)

- Discussion of timeline to interim report and steps between now and the next meeting.

X. Public Comment

XI. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Grandy
 Seconded by Mr. Toombs